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Republicans bring an end to open, transparent government in Wisconsin

MADISON – In response to Governor Walker signing AB 387 and AB 388 into law today, Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) released the following statement:

“Republicans have struck a major blow to open and transparent government in Wisconsin, and have ushered in a new era of corruption and cronyism to replace it. Wisconsin has gone from first to worst in the nation in terms of transparency and openness.

“By the stroke of a pen, Governor Walker and Republicans have decimated our state’s formerly stringent campaign finance laws, and deprived voters of the assurance that political corruption will be discovered, investigated, and prosecuted by a non-partisan watchdog agency.

“Rather than working to grow the middle class and put Wisconsinites back to work, Republicans instead focused on enriching elected officials’ campaigns and enabling our government to be sold to the highest bidder. Unlimited and undisclosed contributions will soon pour into campaign accounts, and our elections will be flooded by special interests who stand to gain even more influence over Wisconsin public schools, groundwater quality and corporate handouts.

“Today is a dark day for democracy in Wisconsin.”

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